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MAY 1994 STATISTICS

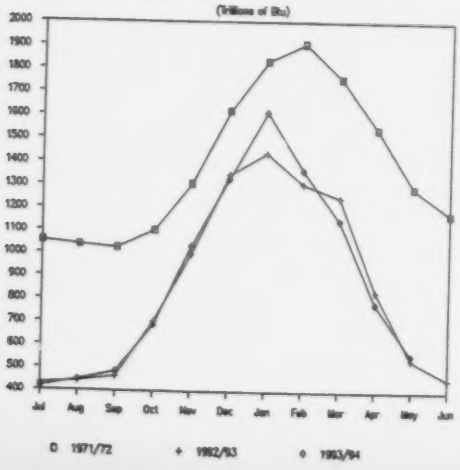
In May 1994, residential, commercial and industrial natural gas sales increased 7.5, 1.1, and 4.8 percent respectively compared to May 1993. Electric generation natural gas sales remained the same during this period. Total natural gas sales also increased 3.8 percent from 540.6 in May 1993 to 561.3 in May 1994. Transportation volumes to end users increased during the same period.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

	May			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1994	1993	%Change[1]	1994	(% Change) Last Period	1994 Forecast[2]	1993	%Change
Residential	246.9	229.6	+ 7.5	2,965.5	+ 2.3	4,913.3	4,922.7	- 0.2
Commercial	120.9	119.6	+ 1.1	1,310.6	+ 1.7	2,299.1	2,291.3	+ 0.3
Industrial*	137.7	131.4	+4.8	879.1	+ 4.1	1,991.5	1,956.7	+ 1.8
Elec. Gen.*	41.8	41.8	-	214.0	- 4.8	831.5	842.3	- 1.3
Other	14.0	18.2	-	92.8	-	198.0	210.5	-
Total Sales	561.3	540.6	+ 3.8	5,462.0	+ 1.6	10,233.4	10,223.5	+ 0.1
Transportation*	396.3	336.5	+17.8	2,091.4	+ 7.9	4,967.2	4,813.3	+ 3.2
Total Volumes	957.6	877.1	+9.2	7,553.4	+ 3.3	15,200.6	15,036.8	+ 1.1

*Significant sales volumes have been displaced by transportation volumes.
**No direct comparison with EIA consumption figures should be made.

TOTAL MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



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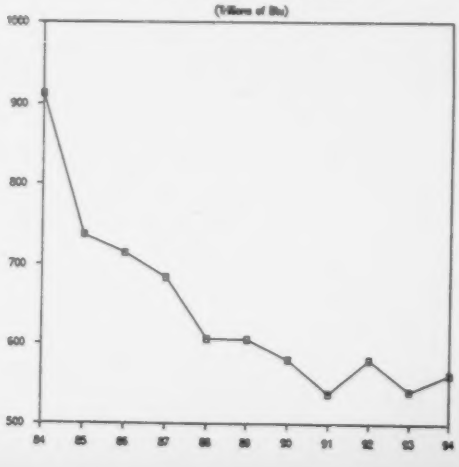

RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - MAY

(Thousands of Units)

		1994	1993	% Change '94 vs '93
Domestic Ranges	- Gas	224.2	195.0	+15.0
	- Electric	319.2	277.9	+14.9
Clothes Dryers	- Gas	94.1	87.5	+11.0
	- Electric	291.5	274.4	+ 6.2
Water Heaters	- Gas	N/A	N/A	N/A
	- Electric	N/A	N/A	N/A
Warm Air Furnaces	- Gas	N/A	N/A	N/A
	- Electric	N/A	N/A	N/A
	- Oil	N/A	N/A	N/A
Boilers	- Gas	N/A	N/A	N/A
	- Oil	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Association of Home Appliances Manufacturers.
N/A: Not Available at date of publication.

SPOT PRICES TO GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

(May 1994)

Receipt Point	Price ($/MMBtu)[a]
Northeast	$2.34
Southeast	$2.33
Midwest	$2.35
Southwest	$2.28
West	$2.27
Total	$2.30

Source: American Gas Association
[a]Represents average price paid at receipt point for a one-month contract.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - MAY

	1994	1993	% Change '94 vs '93
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	149.2	120.9	+ 3.7
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1982 - 1984 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	109.2	105.3	+ 3.7
Electricity	124.4	125.3	- 0.7
Fuel Oil	85.6	88.5	- 3.3

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	42.3	41.8	+ 1.2
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.26	6.60	- 5.2
Commercial	5.34	5.31	+ 0.6
Industrial	3.03	3.04	- 0.3
Electric Generation	1.73	2.16	-19.9
Total	4.86	4.99	- 2.6
Carriage Volumes[3](TBtu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	416.2	337.0	+23.5
For Ultimate Consumers	53.3	84.4	-36.8
For Resale	305.4	270.8	+12.8
Total	774.8	692.2	+11.9

Source: American Gas Association

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES - 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. Only	Elec. Gen.	Other
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.486	4.198	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.410	4.222	4.869
1985	Dec.	5.017	5.953	5.441	4.248	3.812	4.791
1986	Dec.	4.602	5.652	5.035	3.650	2.726	4.025
1987	Dec.	4.315	5.387	4.764	3.112	2.511	3.427
1988	Dec.	4.313	5.288	4.632	3.040	2.545	3.359
1989	Dec.	4.503	5.455	4.769	3.167	2.694	3.102
1990	Dec.	4.569	5.595	4.838	3.193	2.645	3.239
1991	Dec.	4.650	5.656	4.853	3.057	2.532	2.985
1992	Dec.	4.661	5.688	4.919	2.979	2.556	3.015
1993[P]	Apr.	4.785	5.793	5.019	3.077	2.642	3.127
	May	4.811	5.818	5.044	3.105	2.668	3.154
	June	4.828	5.837	5.065	3.128	2.655	3.160
	July	4.849	5.851	5.084	3.149	2.676	3.207
	Aug.	4.860	5.866	5.095	3.159	2.686	3.244
	Sep.	4.877	5.883	5.109	3.201	2.683	3.291
	Oct.	4.886	5.903	5.122	3.184	2.622	3.314
	Nov.	4.895	5.917	5.132	3.183	2.625	3.341
	Dec.	4.914	5.953	5.157	3.182	2.585	3.383
1994[P]	Jan.	4.941	5.969	5.182	3.193	2.592	3.434
	Feb.	4.962	5.977	5.202	3.211	2.610	3.514
	Mar.	5.008	6.050	5.262	3.236	2.606	3.586
	Apr.	5.030	6.090	5.275	3.237	2.615	3.623
	May	5.012	6.075	5.276	3.235	2.593	3.667

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. & Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1992	May	4.51	6.06	4.85	2.45	2.67	1.75
	June	4.54	6.71	5.02	2.55	2.66	2.30
	July	4.50	7.10	5.02	2.65	2.72	2.51
	Aug.	4.45	7.30	5.08	2.61	2.75	2.33
	Sep.	4.41	6.86	4.93	2.67	2.83	2.31
	Oct.	4.54	6.17	4.94	3.02	3.15	2.87
	Nov.	4.73	5.66	4.98	2.46	3.23	3.11
	Dec.	4.84	5.49	5.02	3.16	3.23	2.95
1993[P]	Jan.	5.00	5.59	5.11	3.19	3.30	2.62
	Feb.	4.98	5.54	5.07	3.16	3.28	2.93
	Mar.	4.91	5.49	4.94	3.22	3.34	2.57
	Apr.	4.94	5.80	5.12	3.21	3.34	2.67
	May	4.99	6.60	5.31	3.16	3.04	2.16
	June	4.93	7.28	5.56	2.83	2.99	2.14
	July	4.99	7.65	5.53	2.93	3.04	2.76
	Aug.	4.70	7.92	5.37	2.73	2.89	2.46
	Sep.	4.80	7.41	5.29	3.02	3.37	2.35
	Oct.	4.67	6.51	5.17	2.73	2.94	2.46
	Nov.	4.82	5.81	5.08	3.17	3.23	3.08
	Dec.	4.99	5.74	5.21	3.03	3.22	2.52
1994[P]	Jan.	5.16	5.72	5.27	3.27	3.39	2.74
	Feb.	5.14	5.62	5.21	3.45	3.46	3.42
	Mar.	5.33	6.01	5.42	3.42	3.61	2.48
	Apr.	5.23	6.30	5.27	3.23	3.37	2.82
	May	4.86	6.26	5.34	2.72	3.03	1.73

[1]Gas volumes are based on, and the percent change is a function of, the 61 sample companies whose sales constitute about 60% of total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.
[2]1994 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1994 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (industrial only, electric generation, and transportation) is also based on available 1994 monthly data with the remaining months of 1994 heavily weighted by last year's volumes with no adjustment made for degree days.
[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.
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